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1. MOOPTA, the nationalized corporation controlling the main factories of the Czechoslovak optical industry, has charge of the following plants: Optikotechna at Prerov (P30/003), EEA at Prague-Musle, SOMET at Teplice-Sanov (N51/P34), SRB & STYS at Prague-Kosice and Lochner at Prague-Medranay. Although these plants are very well equipped, their production is slowed up by a shortage of technical and research personnel.
2. SOMET, which used 3,000 workers during the German occupation, now employs about 700 persons. The equipment is modern and capable of expanded production. The plant is now completing telemeters manufactured from Zeiss materials, stocks of which are coming to an end.
3. Optikotechna employs 3,000 workers on the production of cameras, chiefly 16 mm. cine-cameras. 50X1-HUM
4. The following countries are interested in acquiring products of the Czechoslovak optical industry:

- a. Yugoslavia and Bulgaria: cine-equipment, both cameras and projectors.
- f. USSR: Soviet purchases have been confined to one lot of 30 cine-theodolites in 1945, which, owing to bad packing, were received in a severely damaged state and without electrical accessories. Since then the Russians have rather lost interest in the Czechoslovak optical industry, preferring to use the Askania firm in the Soviet Zone of Germany.

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5. IZOPTA is committed to repair and maintain the existing optical equipment of the Czechoslovak Armed Forces, but apart from this is not engaged in the fulfillment of new military orders. However, stocks of necessary raw materials are still sufficient to enable it to commence the production of such equipment in serial form.
6. Military research workers in the field of optical equipment are particularly interested in infra-red ray equipment, television and optical apparatus for use with rockets.

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